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Dear Mr. Smathers:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 10/19/2013 submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) or one of this agency's Medicare contractors via letter, facsimile transmission or e-mail, or in the form of a subpoena duces tecum or Provider Reimbursement Review Board discovery request to CMS.

If you are seeking personalized information pertaining to your Medicare benefits and services, including claim information (excluding Part D claims) you may access this information online through the following CMS website: www.MyMedicare.gov.

We have initiated a search to locate records falling within the scope of your request. If our searching units advise us that you have requested a voluminous amount of records that require extensive search and examination, my staff will contact you shortly to discuss your willingness to modify your request.

The FOIA requires that we respond to your request within 20 working days of its receipt in this office. Please note the following unusual and exceptional circumstances that will impact our response time: (1) we will need to search for and collect records from components and/or field offices external to this office; and (2) because we receive a very heavy volume of FOIA requests, we will process your request in line with our established policy of "first in, first out" case processing. This policy is consistent with court decisions regarding FOIA's time limits. To check the status of your request please refer to the CMS FOIA website at <http://www.cms.gov/apps/FOIA>. The status of your request is displayed after you have entered the control number and PIN number in the appropriate fields.